



**BioDistrict New Orleans  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
Wednesday, December 11, 2019  
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Location: New Orleans Business Alliance  
1250 Poydras Street, Suite 2150  
New Orleans, LA 70113**

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**Commissioners Present:** Andy Kopplin, Alison Bordelon, Sharon Courtney, Gene D'Amour, Harold Gaspard, Brad Lambert, Hyma Moore representing Michael Hecht, Roger Ogden, Blake J. Stanfill,

**Commissioners Absent:** Michael Hecht, Larry Hollier, Lowry Curley,

**Other Guests:** Bonita Robertson (Greater New Orleans Foundation)

**New Orleans Business Alliance Staff:** Kat Milligan, Jeanette Weiland, Quentin Messer, Norman Barnum, Nolan Marshall

- I. Call to Order  
The BioDistrict board meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm
- II. Roll Call  
Andy Kopplin performed a roll call of the Board Commissioners at 2:05pm. Quorum was present.
- III. Adopt Agenda for Board Meeting  
Board Commissioners adopted the agenda for the current Board meeting. No comments were made regarding the agenda.
- IV. Introduction of Guest(s)  
Chairperson Kopplin had guests introduce themselves, including Bonita Robertson (Greater New Orleans Foundation) and New Orleans Business Alliance Staff (Quentin Messer, Norman Barnum, and Kat Milligan).
- V. Call for Public Input Cards on Agenda Items  
No public input cards were collected.
- VI. Adoption of BioDistrict Minutes  
No previous minutes were adopted.
- VII. Chairperson's Report:  
Chairperson Kopplin gave an update on the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Study for the Spirit of Charity Project by Professor Jim Richardson of LSU.

The proposed TIF follows a standard model and encourages reinvestment of revenues generated over time via sales tax growth for the city and state rather than a reallocation

of any existing city or state funds.

Chair Kopplin believes the BioDistrict is the right partner for a TIF with the City and State and recommends use of BioDistrict boundaries instead of Spirit of Charity boundaries, which was also recommended by Mr. D'Amour.

Mr. Lambert, Mr. Cooper and LED Secretary Pierson joined Mr. Kopplin and Mr. Hecht to discuss earlier this fall. There is already buy-in from LED, Mayor Cantrell, and the City Council. The BioDistrict will need to enter into CEAs with the City and State for the proposed TIF. They will be interlocking – the State will not sign on without City participation.

Mr. Ogden proposed a vote to allow Mr. Kopplin to negotiate with relevant parties to create CEAs and TIF plans with the City and the State. The motion was seconded by Mr. D'Amour and was carried by all members present at 2:47pm.

VIII Other Old Business

No old business was presented.

IX New Business

No new business was presented.

X Public Comment(s)

No public comments were submitted.

XI Adjournment

This BioDistrict Board Meeting was adjourned by Mr. Kopplin at 2:51pm.